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About 13 steam sawmills and 20 turpentine stills are kept actively employed.

At Camilla are the works of the Mitchell County Fertilizer Company; at Pelham are the Pelham Guano Works, the Pelham Cotton Seed Oil-Mill and the Pelham Manufacturing Company. The latter is a cotton-mill with 5,000 spindles, 160 looms and a capital stock of \$100,000. It will employ 100 hands. The annual consumption will be 3,000 bales, and the value of the output \$180,000. The cotton seed oil-mill is valued at \$30,000, and its annual output at \$50,000.

Camilla and Pelham are each on the Savannah, Florida and Western Railway, and in these two towns the products of the county are chiefly marketed. The cotton receipts and shipments of the entire county are about 10,000 bales of upland and 2,500 bales of sea-island cotton, of which about 6,000 bales of upland and 2,000 of sea-island cotton are handled at Pelham. Some of the products of the western part of the county are shipped by steamboats on the Flint river. According to the United States census of 1900 there were ginned in this county 7,863 bales of upland cotton and 2,180 bales of sea-island cotton of the crop of 1899-1900.

At Camilla, the county seat, is a bank with a capital of \$25,000. The court-house is estimated at \$30,000. There are in the county 12 grist-mills and 1 small flour-mill at Pelham. All except 2 or 3 grist-mills are operated by steam.

Other postoffices are Apex, Baconton, Dewitt, Faircloth, Flint, Magnolia, Raiford, Stubbs and Tuton.

The district including Camilla has 4,668 inhabitants, while the population of Camilla is 1,051. The Pelham district has 2,836 inhabitants, of which 945 are in the town of Pelham.

The schools belong to the public school system of Georgia. Every neighborhood of the county has its school and church. Methodists and Baptists are the leading denominations, but there are also Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Roman Catholics and others.

The area of Mitchell county is 542 square miles, or 346,880 acres.

Population in 1900, 14,767, a gain of 3,861 since 1890; school fund, \$10,677.40.

By the Comptroller-General's report for 1900 there are: acres of improved land, 291,481; of wild land, 25,123; average value per acre of improved land, \$3.05; of wild land, \$1.88; city property, \$207,441; shares in bank, \$7,000; money, etc., \$264,509; value of merchandise, \$75,232; stocks and bonds, \$17,075; cotton manufactories, \$102,000; household furniture, \$108,176; farm and other animals, \$257,923; plantation and mechanical tools, \$48,761; watches, jewelry, etc., \$8,844; value of all other property, \$43,548; real estate, \$1,145,613; personal estate, \$941,802; aggregate value of property, \$2,087,415.

Property returned by colored taxpayers: Number of acres of land, 17,264; value, \$50,033; city property, \$8,619; money, etc., \$210; merchandise, \$230; household furniture, \$16,713; watches, etc., \$433; farm